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In re application of: Hoen

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For: SNAP-IN BLOW MOTOR SPEED CONTROL WITH BREAK
AWAY SERVICE FEATURE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 9, 2001, please accept the following:

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 remain in the application, including independent Claims 1, 9, and 14.

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter to which the Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 2, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Pat. No. 5,291,174 to *Zirnheld, et al.* in view of United States Pat. No. 5,229,741 to *Black, III*, and further in view of United States Pat. No. 5,828,290 to *Buss, et al.*

Claims 3-8, and 10-15, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Zirnheld, et al.* and *Black, III* in view of *Buss, et al.* and further in view of United States Pat. No. 4,890,198 to *Beam, et al.*

Claim 8 has been cancelled to overcome the § 112 rejection. For purposes of completeness, support for claim limitation can be found on Page 5, Line 18.